

Scots steel threat renewed after US deal collapses

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Proposals for a unique multi-million pound "steel swap" deal between Britain and the United States have been abandoned...

American plants face closure

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US steel industry faced a further round of heavy job losses yesterday as directors of the giant US Steel Corporation met to vote on the closure of as many as six outmoded plants...

Thatcher to keep on course

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government's determination to hold firm to its present economic course in the pursuit of rewards in the next decade is expected to be the keynote theme of the Prime Minister's new year message to her party at the weekend...

Rajiv fitted for the Gandhi mantle

From Michael Hamlyn, Calcutta

Mrs Indira Gandhi swept into the Bengali capital yesterday to preside over the first plenary session of her party since 1972...



Indian dynasty: Rajiv Gandhi and his mother.



Face to face: The Pope talking in jail yesterday to Mehmet Ali Agca, the man who is serving a life sentence for trying to kill him two years ago.

The Pope blesses assailant in jail

By Our Foreign Staff

Mehmet Ali Agca went down on his knees yesterday in repentance before the Pope, the man he once tried to kill, and received forgiveness and a papal embrace...

Reagan accepts blame for 241 Beirut bomb deaths

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

President Reagan, speaking in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the US Armed Forces, said yesterday that he took full blame for the deaths of 241 American servicemen in the terrorist bombing of the American Marines headquarters in Beirut on October 23...

Kremlin power vacuum worries President

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

In an end-of-year assessment of US-Soviet relations, President Reagan has expressed concern about the problems of dealing with the Kremlin under the ailing President Andropov and a new tendency by military leaders to make warlike statements without obtaining authorization from the political leadership...

Bargain-hunters out in force

By Tony Samstag and John Witherow

Thousands of bargain-hunters, undeterred by the fear of further bombings, carried on shopping almost as usual in central London yesterday, the first day of the post-Christmas sales...

THE TIMES Tomorrow

Ruling... The Times Profile: Francois Mitterand, President of France... Party Never apologize, never explain - and mind the stairs: the Neurotic Party's Guide Balancing...

Global cuts holidays by £500,000

Global Holidays has announced a reduction in its brochure prices for 1984 of more than £500,000, with savings of £50 on many of last year's holiday costs...

Ship intercepted

An Argentine cargo vessel infringed the 150-mile Falkland Islands protection zone, on Christmas Eve, but left after being seen by RAF fighters, the Ministry of Defence said.

Union rift

The National Union of Mine-workers is trying to set up an alternative to Trade Unions for Labour Victory, the unions' political fund-raising body.

Cuban risk

There is a growing risk of Cuban involvement in the fighting in southern Angola between South African and Angolan troops.

Afghan appeal

Britain and the other EEC countries marked the fourth anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan with an appeal to Moscow to withdraw its forces.

Reuters check

The Labour Party is to press for Parliament to examine the decision by its directors to float the Reuters new agency on the stock market.

Village rebels

The residents of a Lower Saxony village are resisting British Army of the Rhine plans to build a mock village in the vicinity to practice anti-guerrilla warfare.

Simpler rules

The City Takeover Panel, which supervises company bids and mergers, is to simplify its rule book, according to Mr John Hignett, the outgoing director general.

National knack

Burrough Hill Ltd, a heavily-backed favourite, gave Jenny Pittman, the trainer, her second successive Welsh Grand National win at Cheltenham yesterday.

Botham booked

Ian Botham, the England cricket all-rounder, was booked for a foul tackle when playing football for Scunthorpe United.

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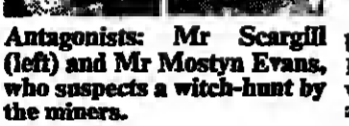
Scargill leads move to replace unions' political finance body

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Political warfare has broken out within Trade Unions for Labour Victory... Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, said last night "I stand by the union's position on TULV..."

They had also met Mr James Mortimer, general secretary of the party, to tell him that there should be no increase in trade union affiliation fees... "The NUM document discloses that the miners' executive has 'decided to authorize the national officials to conduct discussions with other interested parties and organizations to provide the necessary machinery whereby the role of"

the TULV may be superfluous, and unity can be sought on the basis of the 1983 manifesto and Labour Party conference decisions... "The program, The Extremist, is to be shown on BBC Wales tomorrow night..."



Antagonists: Mr Scargill (left) and Mr Mostyn Evans, who suspects a witch-hunt by the miners.



Early risers: Snow drops (Galanthus Caucasicus) flowering in the rock garden at Kew Gardens, west London, yesterday (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Labour may seek safeguard for Reuters

By Philip Webster Political Reporter The Labour Party is to press for an examination by Parliament of the decision by directors of Reuters, the international news agency... "Under the terms of the Reuters Trust agreement, the trustees are responsible for ensuring that it does not pass into the hands of any single interest or group..."

Anger over TV film on bombing

From Our Correspondent Llandudno

An MEP is protesting to the BBC about a programme about John Jenkins, a former army sergeant who was jailed for 10 years for his part in the Harrods bombing... "The dramatized documentary, which is an hour and a half long, was made with Jenkin's cooperation after his release from prison..."

TUC wants action on tax evaders

By Our Labour Editor

The Government is accused today of being more zealous in prosecuting poor social security scroungers than rich tax dodgers... "The TUC points out that the staff of the Inland Revenue is to be cut by 9.9 per cent over the next four years..."

RAF saves sheep from flood

An RAF helicopter rescued two estate workers and 18 sheep stranded by a flash flood at Loch Maree in Wester Ross yesterday.

Mr Archie MacLellan, an estate manager, and his son-in-law, Mr David Price, were trying to reach the sheep in a small boat, but their engine failed... "The weather was so mild that people sat in the sunshine on the sea front at Colwyn Bay."

Prisoners protest over parole

Two prisoners are staging a rooftop protest at Long Lartin maximum security prison near Evesham, Hereford and Worcester. They climbed up on Monday with the help of other prisoners, and are huddled in a crude shelter on top of a water tower.

Tories urge review of obscenity law

By Our Political Reporter

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, is coming under fresh pressure from Conservative MPs to review the operation of the Obscene Publications Act... "The present obscenity law is resulting in insufficient convictions and is easy to evade."

SAS increases checks on potential trouble spots

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Forces of the Army's Special Air Service Regiment (SAS) and the Royal Marines' Special Boat Squadron have increased their activities of surveying possible trouble areas around the world... "The kind of event which caused anxiety is thought to have been evidence of plans by mercenary groups to organize coups d'etat in the Seychelles."

More than 1,200 search for Tidy kidnappers

More than 1,200 police and troops were drafted into Derrad wood, outside Ballinacorney in Co Leitrim, yesterday in a final search for the kidnappers of Mr Don Tidy, aged 49, the chairman executive... "The past two months, Dominic McIlneaney, the INLA terrorist leader, has evaded capture three times"

Churches' plea on oil rig

The Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland appealed yesterday to British Shipbuilders and Britoil to avert the loss of more than 4,000 jobs at Scott Lithgow... "The churches, in a joint statement, said: 'For the sake of many thousands of people in the west of Scotland, we earnestly request you to discuss urgently terms for the resumption of building exploration rig contract 3002 at Scott Lithgow's...'"

Moscow leads world shipping

By Michael Baily Transport Editor The Soviet Union has overtaken both Britain and the United States as a merchant shipping power on the world's oceans for the first time... "The Soviet Union claims its shipping expansion is modest, and geared to the growth in its own overseas trade and that of its friends."

Scottish house prices 'set to rise'

House prices in Scotland are set to rise by between 5 per cent and 10 per cent in the next three months... "The Scottish estate agents' association predicts a 10 per cent rise in house prices in the new year holiday ends..."

US-British steel deal collapses

Continued from page 1... "If Britain is going to pull out of this recession we shall need all three more months..."

Frigates cost £80m to refit

By Our Defence Correspondent It is now costing £80m to modernise a Royal Navy frigate. This is only £20m less than the price at which the navy is hoping to build the first of its entirely new class of Type 23 frigates.

Graham sermon

The Queen has invited Dr Billy Graham, the US evangelist, to preach at Sandringham parish church on January 15, during the Royal Family's new year holiday on the estate... "Mr Lewis added: 'If MacGregor had still been there, I would have anticipated a fit of pique. But this Guy Haslam will not respond in that way. He is more realistic. Nor do I expect a U-turn on the part of Norman Tebbit [the Secretary of State for Industry].'"

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Global takes more than £500,000 off 1984 holiday prices

By Robin Young

At the outset of the peak booking season for summer holidays, Global Holidays announced yesterday that it was reducing its brochure prices for next year by a total of more than £500,000. It has repriced its brochure, with lower prices for holidays at 83 hotels in Spain, Italy, Portugal, and Greece.

The biggest saving offered is more than £100 a person for two weeks at a hotel in Majorca, but many holidays will be about £50 cheaper than last year's prices.

This is the latest move in a price-cutting war that began at the end of November when Thomson Holidays, the market leader, announced cuts of up to £56, an average of 10 per cent, on 750,000 of its one million foreign summer holidays for sale.

Intasun, the second largest company, delayed launching its brochure until December, and then announced a average of 9 per cent reductions on 500,000 holidays. Horizon, the third largest operator, followed suit.

Global has not previously revised its published brochure, but this year it restricted the initial print order in expectation of having to respond to price cuts announced by larger competitors.

Mr Roger Corkhill, managing

director of Global, had accused Thomson's of provoking a price war in the battle for holiday bookings. Yesterday, he said that the strength of the pound against Mediterranean currencies had helped to reduce prices, but that most of the difference would have to come out of profit margins. Global, which is the country's tenth biggest tour operator, hope to sell 250,000 holidays this summer.

As with previously announced price revisions, holidaymakers who have already made their bookings will also benefit from the price reductions.

The travel industry is now fully committed to selling more than eight million foreign holidays this year, well up on previous totals.

Mr Richard Gabber, managing director of Pickfords Travel, which sells more Global Holidays than any other travel agents, said yesterday that overall bookings for foreign holidays next summer are up by a fifth on the same stage last year.

The late launch of the Intasun brochure caused a dip in sales in November, but in the four weeks before Christmas sales were almost half as many again as in the equivalent period last year.

"In the pattern of trade that has evolved this year," Mr Gabber said, "customers can book early in the knowledge that their chosen holiday can only get cheaper if there are further price cuts. This is a complete reversal on previous years when people were tempted to book early by low prices, and then companies levied surcharges to meet their costs. This has to be good news for everybody."

One large operator not to have revised its brochure prices is Cosmos, the fourth largest. Cosmos lost some of its share of the market last summer, but is felt to have produced a competitively priced brochure at the first attempt this year, offering many holidays in Italy and Spain where currency weaknesses bring the strongest price advantages.

A spokesman for Thomson said yesterday that the company would have sold 300,000 holidays by the end of this month, 50 per cent up on last year. "We expect the industry as a whole to sell a million extra foreign holidays this year. The fact that holidays are cheaper is substantially due to stable fuel costs and the comparative strength of the pound."

"We expect our own bookings to be a quarter up on last year."

MP fears slide to random breath tests

By a Staff Reporter

A Conservative MP complained yesterday that the police had been "boudling" motorists during the Christmas holiday with unjustified breath tests.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, said that he would ask the Government for the number of breath tests conducted by all police forces and for an assurance that they were not quietly moving towards random tests.

Parliament had rejected random tests, but some forces seemed to use pretexts unconnected with suspicion of drunken driving to stop motorists and test them. "I have a horrid suspicion that the police are enforcing their own law instead of Parliament's law," Mr Beaumont-Dark said.

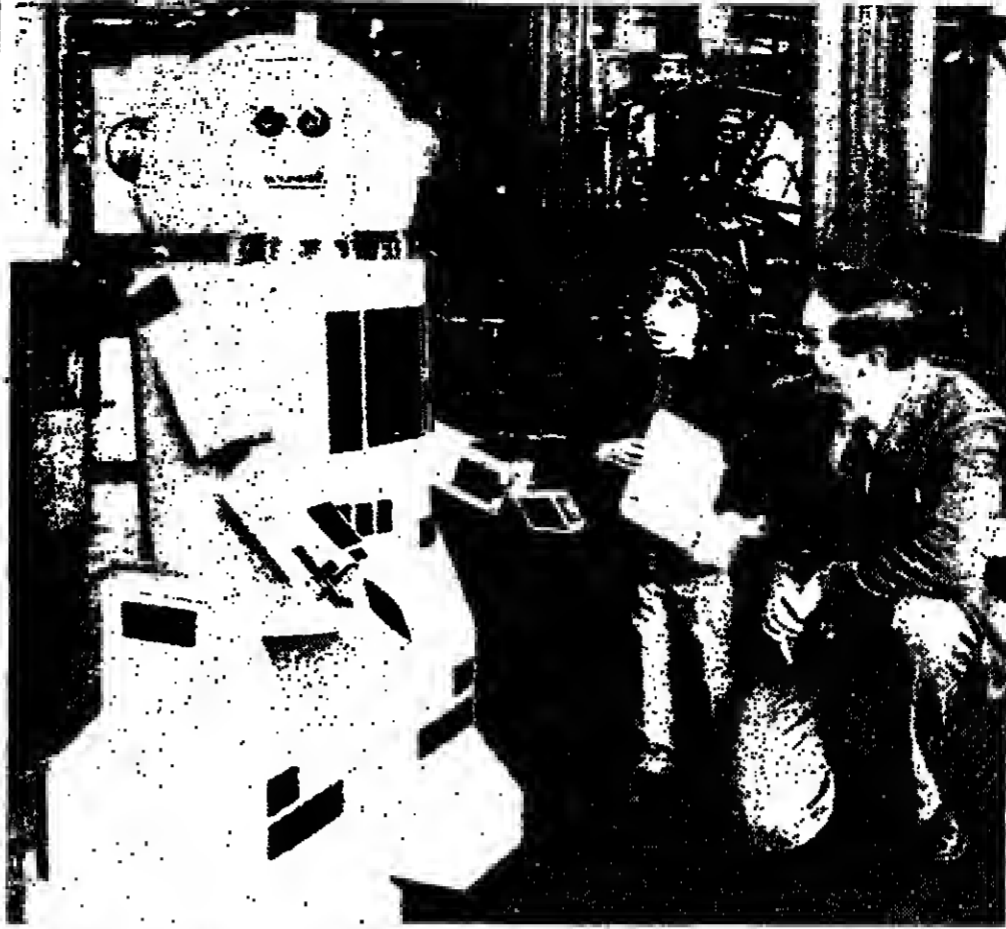
"I am not in favour of people drinking and driving, but I think we have been in a state this Christmas when most motorists have felt like hiding behind a hedge when a police car has come along."

Two people died and 16 were seriously injured in road accidents in Nottinghamshire during the Christmas holiday compared with four and 26 this time last year. Last year 1,700 breath tests were conducted in the county and 54 proved positive. This year there were 2,500 of which 46 were positive.

● The number of drivers who gave positive breath tests in Strathclyde region over the four days of the Christmas holidays almost doubled on last year's figures. A total of 88 drivers, of 130 tested, were found to be driving over the legal limit between December 23 and 26, compared with 49 positive last year.

Lothian and Borders police recorded 11 positive breath tests between December 24 and 26, compared with 28 positive tests last year. Tayside police recorded 11 positive tests compared with 20.

Mr Murphy, aged 46, is an



Walkie talkie: Samuel Woodward and his father meeting Denby, the walking, talking robot at the British Engineering in Hove, East Sussex, yesterday. Denby was part of the welcoming party at the museum's "in-steam" exhibition, which runs all this week (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Waldorf detective back in uniform

By John Witherow

One of the detectives who shot and wounded Steven Waldorf in mistake for the fugitive gunman David Martin is being transferred to uniformed duty.

Det Constable Peter Finch, aged 38, who was cleared at the Central Criminal Court of attempted murder, is to be transferred next month after spending almost a year on full pay.

It is unusual for a policeman to be transferred from detective to uniformed work.

The decision was said to have been taken after senior police officers became concerned at the pressure Constable Finch came under as a result of the trial and an internal Scotland Yard inquiry. The pay for a uniformed police constable is the same as for a detective and the police were keen to emphasize that Constable Finch was not being demoted.

No decision has been taken about the future of Det Constable John Jardine, aged 38, who was also charged and cleared after the shooting.

Constable Finch, married with three children, of Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, joined the police as a cadet when he was 16 a had been a detective for eight years.

At the time of the shooting last January he was attached to Scotland Yard's C11 squad. He shot Mr Waldorf, whose car was stuck in traffic in west London, believing he was the escaped man David Martin and was reaching for a gun. The prosecution also alleged that Constable Finch had "pistol-whipped" Mr Waldorf as he lay wounded in the car.

Constable Finch was cleared of attempted murder on the direction of the judge, Mr Justice Croom-Johnson, and the jury later found him not guilty of wounding Mr Waldorf with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

MP predicts ban on hare-coursing

From Our Correspondent, Belfast

A Unionist MP predicted yesterday that this weekend's hare-coursing meeting at Crebilly, Co Antrim, would be the last such event in Northern Ireland.

Mr Peter Robinson, Democratic Unionist deputy leader and MP for Belfast, East, made his forecast when he took his place with a hundred other demonstrators against hare-coursing yesterday. There were more than a thousand coursing supporters at the meeting.

The chances of the sport's being banned in Northern Ireland next year hinges on the respect with which the views of the Northern Ireland Assembly are regarded in London.

Some months ago the Assembly called unanimously for a ban, but it has no legislative powers and the Northern Ireland Office let the decision pass without any reaction.

The Assembly is due to debate a draft Order in Council incorporating changes in Ulster's wildlife conservation

laws, which will then go to Westminster to become law.

"This Wildlife Order will give those of us who oppose this barbaric sport the opportunity to put down an amendment which will ban hare-coursing from Northern Ireland. I believe this will be the last such meet to be seen here," Mr Robinson said yesterday.

Cat savaged

A girl aged 16 watched foxhounds from a traditional Christmas meeting savage her pet cat to death in her back garden yesterday (the Press Association reports).

Janet Lydall and her family heard a noise in the garden of their home in Lacock, Wiltshire, and as they went out, saw their black cat, Cassy, surrounded by baying hounds. Neighbours joined in attempts to drive the dogs clear, but although the cat was alive when rescued, she died within minutes.

Thatcher is 'Woman of the Year'

By a Staff Reporter

The Prime Minister has won the BBC "Woman of the Year" award for the second successive year.

She gained double the votes given to Mrs Joan Ruddock, chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, who came second. But the BBC declined to give any detailed figures for the award, which will be broadcast on Radio 4 this morning.

Mr Bruce Kent, general secretary of CND, won the "Man of the Year" poll which was broadcast on the programme yesterday. He beat Mr Eddie Shah, who has continued to publish his Messenger group of newspapers in the face of mass picketing.

Mother Teresa took third place in the "Woman of the Year" vote, with Princess Anne fourth, and the Princess of Wales fifth. Mrs Victoria Gillick, the campaigner against contraceptive pills being prescribed for girls under 16; Miss Helen John, a founder of the Greenham Common peace camp; Jane Torvill, the ice skater; Jo Durie, the tennis player; and Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth, of the Salvation Army, completed the top 10.

Lord Tonypanby, the former Speaker of the Commons was third in the men's vote, with Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, fourth and Mr Lech Walesa, the Polish union leader, fifth.

The rest of the top 10 were: Mr Richard Noble, the world land speed record holder; Alex Higgins, the snooker player; Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence; Mr Kenneth Livingstone, the Greater London Council leader; and The Rev Richard Harries, Radio 4's *Prayer for the Day* contributor.

Votes were also cast for the pop singer Boy George and Mr Roy Tapping, the man who carried his severed arm half a mile after a hay baling accident.

Dogs unlimited

Police officers and farmers are searching for three or four dogs which attacked a flock of pregnant ewes, killing seven and injuring six in Wembdon, near Bridgwater, Somerset, on Christmas Day.

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Uno voted numero one

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Fiat's new generation supermini, the Uno, has been voted Car of the Year 1984 by motoring journalists from 16 European countries. However, it was a close thing with only a few votes separating it from another supermini the Peugeot 205.

Austin Rover's Maestro came seventh of the 15 cars considered. The second placed Japanese car was the Mazda 626 in fifth place.

The big surprise was the poor showing of the Mercedes 190, the German quality car group's first venture into the small to

medium sized saloon. It was fourth scoring 116 points compared with Uno's 346.

The Italian entry was awarded top marks by jurors from Austria, Belgium, Germany, Britain, Italy, and Norway.

The Citroën BX which was recently voted "Top Car 1984" by the British Guild of Motoring Writers and was hotly tipped for the European award because of its advanced technology, came sixth.

The last wholly British car to win the prestigious Car of the Year award was the Rover 3,500 in 1977.



Top marks: The Fiat Uno, Car of the Year 1984.

The computer revolution

New age dawning in polys

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The microcomputer age is dawning in higher education and it is happening, appropriately enough, in the polytechnics rather than the universities.

In the vanguard of this particular revolution is the Polytechnic of the South Bank in London which now has about 200 micros and four mainframe computers, to which are linked 200 to 300 terminals. All five facilities have computer laboratories.

The polytechnic, whose director, Mr John Beishon, has taken a strong interest in promoting the new technology, wants to introduce computers to all its students, whatever their subject, so that they have "hands on" experience of micros and understand their potential. Lecturers can call on the computer services department for help with equipment and the programs needed for it.

"We are trying to respond to industry and to student demand," Mrs Pat Crocker, head of the computer services department, said. "We are finding that students now have micros

at home and are quite familiar with them. They are also being recognized as a good teaching aid."

There are 11,000 part-time and full-time students at South Bank, spread out on three sites in the five faculties of administration (which includes architecture, town planning and civil engineering), engineering, science and technology and education/humanities/social sciences.

The engineers use the new technology more than any other faculty from the first year onwards - for example, to design circuit boards or test equipment. Mechanical engineers had been testing the effect of wind on items of equipment and readings had to be taken every second or so. This could be done much more accurately on the micro than manually.

Students of town planning use the technology to cost highway design, social scientists for survey analysis, business studies students for financial modelling and bakery

students for recipe costing and stock control. Each faculty has standardized a system which has a range of software to suit its work.

Mrs Crocker says that there is great incentive to get students to use micros across the curriculum since the Council for National Academic Awards (CNAA), which approves polytechnic courses, put out a policy document earlier this year saying that it wanted new technology incorporated into all courses.

"If we do not take note of the CNAA we will not get course approval in future," Mrs Crocker said. "But we are also competing for students and we hope they will want to come here because we are offering them modern technology. We cannot afford to stand still."

Headway still has to be made with a number of departments, notably modern languages, which is linked with European business and law, but the lawyers do have at their disposal the data base Lexis, a reference system for legal cases.

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We'll be organising official fund raising dinners on behalf of the British Olympic Association at hotels that accept the American Express Card, where you'll be able to help the



squad get fit while you're well fed.

And we'll be holding a series of competitions to win trips to Los Angeles to watch the Olympic Games.

If you'd like to extend even more help to the British Olympic Appeal, you can become a member of the British Olympic Association by writing to them at 1 Church Row, Wandsworth Plain, London SW18 1EH.

Remember, the more you use the American Express Card (and if you're not yet a Cardmember, our £5 donation to the Olympic effort is another excellent reason to apply), the more you'll be doing for British Olympic hopes.



Helping Britain's Team to the Olympics

The pornographic free-for-all has run out of promise in Sweden. Sex crimes have not diminished, prostitution thrives.

But a puritan backlash has begun with vigilantes raiding the porn shops and the rise of a God-loving pop star

End of the non-stop sex show

By Chris Mosey

Stockholm
The first snowflakes of winter dance in the air to a strange beat. In the futuristic heart of Stockholm - a square called Sergels Torg which is bleakly modern and paved in black and white - Maria Johansson, aged 65, is seated at a portable electric organ playing and singing, slightly off-key, "I have a Friend in Jesus".

lights, mirrors from the private posing rooms, TV sets that once screened raunchy movies in a darkened video saloon, for example - have been confiscated by a state tax collector with the wonderfully appropriate name of Miss Birgitta Prim.

Two women, Miss Prim and Sweden's former Minister of Social Affairs, Mrs Karin Soder, have between them contrived to end the reign of Mr Ulrich Geismar, once dubbed "Sweden's King of Sex" by the nation's tabloid press. Mr Geismar now lives quietly in Spain, where he has been "unavailable for comment" for some time. Miss Prim would like to ask him about the £150,000 she claims he owes in back taxes.

beckoning seductively. Everything seemed possible for those in the vanguard of social change. Their crusade towards a brave new world that never arrived led, in 1971, to the repeal of the already outdated Law on the Offending of Decency and Morality, which had until the mid-1960s been used by the police to suppress pornography. With its disappearance the floodgates opened.

all such crimes have increased steadily; that prostitution would become a thing of the past (the world's oldest profession still plies its trade). Nestius, typical of the "New Puritan", sees an irony in his change of heart. He is merely continuing the crusade for sexual freedom, but in a different way. His association's July campaign, titled "Fight for Love", in which he and other members visited the holiday beaches of the Baltic island of Gotland quizzing and advising young Swedes on their sexual habits, was a huge success (certainly a greater success than it would have been at Blackpool, where such "openness" might well have earned Mr Nestius a fat lip).



Maria Johansson spreads the gospel. Right top, pop singer Carola Hagkvist and, above, porn-fighter Karin Soder



Ulrich Geismar, the king of sex whose realm is now behind locked doors

Mrs Gina Sundin, originally from Spain, is one of the few survivors. She runs an establishment called Cabaret Nana, an oasis of flashing lights, loud disco music and soundtracks laden with heavy breathing, at the end of an exceptionally grey, dismal street not far from Stockholm's Central Station.

The new mood is no better exemplified than in pop music. Yesterday's idol was blonde Abba vocalist Agnetha Faltskog, who once bounced around the stage with a vitality that earned her the title "sexiest bottom in Europe". Today's is Carola Hagkvist, aged 17, whose stage garb is usually a singularly shapeless white juco costume, and who delights in taking about her belief in God.

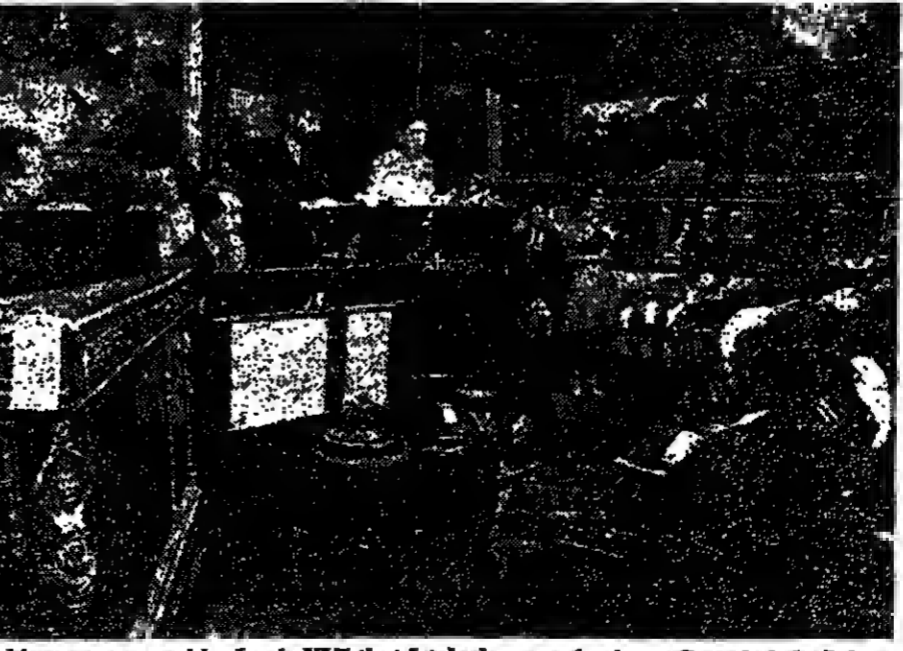
A treasure house built on Johnson's baby powder

The fine art of marrying well

Mrs Seward Johnson, Basia to her friends, is forming a stupendous art collection. She spent £390,000 at Sotheby's in July on a French lacquer cabinet, the highest price ever paid at auction for a piece of furniture. This was the first time that she was rumoured by the press as an auction purchaser, which is pretty good going since she and her husband, who died in May at the age of 87, have been quietly buying at top prices for 14 years.

reason for envy. She arrived in America from Poland in 1968 with \$100 and married into the Johnson's baby powder fortune. It is a vast pharmaceutical business and Mr Seward Johnson left her around \$300m at his death.

born in Poland and is a passionate Polish patriot. Her husband came to share her love of the country which they visited many times during their 14-year marriage. Polish workmen built the pavilion in the Johnson's park, and Polish craftsmen made the magnificent stone and wrought iron baroque gateway.



French lacquer cabinet once owned by Louis XVI that fetched a record price at Sotheby's in July

"I didn't know how to cook American cooking and many things went wrong. So Mrs Johnson said I could look after the children and do housework. I was very happy."

Basia was promised "help for a better life". And then something extraordinary happened. She received a message from some Polish friends that Mr Johnson was very anxious to see her. He sent a car to collect her and bring her to his office. "I came not knowing what is going on."

moreover... Miles Kington Cheese and ham, Big Brother

The last time I renewed my TV licence, I decided to round it up to £50 from £46 in order to give the BBC a bit of spare cash I have always believed the licence fee was far too small, especially when I am being employed by radio, and I sincerely believed that if I paid the bill, and left a £4 tip, it would make the BBC feel better, and the tip might come back to me eventually. So I sent off a cheque for £50.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 233)

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. Across: 1. Prearrangement (6), 2. Serious crime (6), 3. Live under canvas (3), 4. Kill a tooth (8), 5. Large area (8), 6. Run away (3), 7. Newspaper chief (6), 8. Plywood layer (6), 9. Ardent admirer (3), 10. Deliberate destruction (8), 11. Items in (8), 12. Troubled state (4), 13. Small cupboard (6), 14. Origin (6), 15. Italian leader (4), 16. Concoct (5), 17. Swelling (4), 18. Piestrositzburg Province (5), 19. Waste (5), 20. Perspiration (5), 21. Cargo transporter (3), 22. Enclosed concrete areas (4), 23. Land slave (4), 24. Year's record (5), 25. Valuable property (3), 26. Haven (5), 27. Compassionate exclamation (4), 28. Excessively sentimental (4). Down: 1. Computer link (5), 2. Telephone (6), 3. Computer (5), 4. Concealment (5), 5. Swelling (4), 6. Piestrositzburg Province (5), 7. Waste (5), 8. Perspiration (5), 9. Cargo transporter (3), 10. Enclosed concrete areas (4), 11. Land slave (4), 12. Year's record (5), 13. Valuable property (3), 14. Haven (5), 15. Compassionate exclamation (4), 16. Excessively sentimental (4).

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THE TIMES DIARY

Dobson's choice

Frank Dobson, Labour MP for Holborn and St Pancras, has written a starchy letter to the Prime Minister suggesting that the venue of the next world economic summit... to be held next June, should be switched from Lancaster House...

In confidence

The computer sub-committee of the Commons Services Committee is finding its job hard going. Earlier this month a trip to the United States and Canada to research information technology was cancelled after accusations of junketing...

Moved to tears

A colleague who planned to move into a new house in Buckinghamshire over Christmas was shocked to discover an old deed of covenant relating to the property...

Easy buck

It is the season of the year when certain privileged people, including the Prime Minister, the Lord Mayor of London, and the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, receive a hood-sized piece of venison under the Queen's Warrant...

That figures

The Civil Service's Management and Personnel Office broke new ground in its annual report on public bodies for 1983, when it produced figures on the number of men and women appointed to the boards of nationalized industries during this year...

Saumur, aye

In his new book, 'The Illustrated Winepeak: Ronald Searle's Wicked World of Wine', the cartoonist attacks the unimpaired wine-babbler of brokers attempting to enlighten the baffled consumer...

Let's ease this bed of nails

by Alfred Morris

Christmas would not be Christmas without hard-luck stories with happy endings. This is a brief story about a happy ending with a cruel twist. A Bristol woman was severely burned in a fire and needed a skin graft to her back...

the present Government's interpretation of the law, but that of successive governments. The family's pleasure must have been increased by the knowledge that the tribunal's ruling would help in many other cases of avoidable hardship...

publicizing the compensation available to people who broke their contracts of employment by refusing to join a trade union, while Michael Heseltine earmarked £1m to campaign for "more positive" attitudes to nuclear arms...

Life sentences: a barbaric lottery

J. R. Spencer

Eight years ago Mrs Doris Croft, a middle-aged widow from Balsham, Cambridgeshire, discovered that her elderly lover was about to desert her for a younger woman. She battered him to death with a rolling-pin in a jealous rage...

Why a star wars strategy could help keep the peace

European attitudes to President Reagan's "star wars" proposals - the move to develop a space-based anti-ballistic missile system, agreed in principle a few weeks ago - have generally contained elements of both amazement and derision...

The arguments advanced by United States analysts in favour of the programme, aimed initially at long-term research, have not even been thought worthy of serious examination in Britain...



can cities to defend frequently "disloyal" European ones. Yet if the Soviets came to believe that the United States might feel this way, they might no longer be effectively deterred...

Union continues to exploit space for military purposes, ignoring the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972 while the United States feels restrained by that treaty...

It is objected that the whole "star wars" phenomenon is in some ways more alarming than existing weaponry. Its development would certainly result in a substantial change of nuclear doctrine and strategy...

Jock Bruce-Gardyne

Not so bad a year after all

Distance lends enchantment, we are told. Now that I frequent the courteous calm of the Upper Chamber, I sometimes read the accounts of "The Government in Disarray" with puzzlement...

The other-China card in our Hongkong hand

In the continuing negotiations with China over the future of Hongkong, Britain's highest card is not the legality of the nineteenth-century treaties. Nor are Peking's envoys impressed by references to unease in the colony at the prospect of communist rule...

When one reflects on how good a prophet George Orwell might have proved had things turned out differently on June 9, there's a good deal to be thankful for as we say farewell to 1983.

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THE SOVIET OVERVIEW

After Mr Andropov's failure to appear at Monday's meeting of the Soviet Central Committee it is becoming increasingly difficult to imagine that he will ever regain the political power he had a year ago... The entire Soviet apparatus must therefore be trying to position itself for the succession...

the debates on Western defence spending. Nevertheless, they are interesting because they suggest that the transfer of resources from the civilian to the military sector stopped around 1976 and has not resumed...

Pressing query on Scott Lithgow

From Professor James Pickett
Sir, Questions about the Scott Lithgow crisis may be asked of British Shipbuilders, of local management, certainly of the workforce, and of Britoil...

When workers sink in the poverty pool

From Dr K. V. Roberts
Sir, Certainly a standard minimum wage has all the disadvantages outlined in your leading article of December 20...

A fairer deal for sugar-growers

From the Bishop Suffragan of Warwick
Sir, I am grateful to discover that someone else is concerned about the level of European sugar production... Sir Robert Kirkwood (December 7) expresses the anomaly in its simplest and starkest form...

Charities and the state

From Mr H. E. Bell
Sir, The arguments in your leader of December 17 ("Charitable giving and taking") against Government subsidies to charities are overwhelming...

FRIEND MEETS FOE

The pontificate of this Pope resembles the frescoed history painting of a great hall: a progression of tableaux each sharp in the historical detail of its subject matter...

Yesterday with the whole conspiracy as much as with its agent. What passed between them is not known. The symbolism of the encounter is the greater for that reason...

Combating Sinn Fein

From Mr L. C. Bailey
Sir, What an unnecessary pother is being created over the possible proscription of Sinn Féin!

Justice for ratepayers

From Mr Roland C. Rench
Sir, I am increasingly astonished by people such as Sir Jack Smart, Chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities...

Frozen funds for MSC

From Mrs Anne Aldrich and Mr Graham Petrie
Sir, The recent freeze on funds for Manpower Services Commission community programmes defies logic or understanding...

Puzzle for Orwell

From Mr A. T. Lynam-Smith
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Captain Cook's end

From Lieutenant-Commander Lloyd W. Barnes
Sir, In a travel article entitled "Aloha, hula and goodbye to an Hawaiian odyssey" (December 17) you refer to the exploits of Captain James Cook in the history of the Hawaiian Islands...

Deaths of kings

From Mr Oliver Gillie
Sir, Bernard Levin's attempt to rewrite British history (December 22) does not do him credit. Argumentation about the normal human life span is no substitute for facts when considering how our last four kings died...

CHOOSING THE SELECT

Nineteen eighty three has been a poorish year for the accountability of government to Parliament. The reason, ironically, is elections, two of them to be precise. The announcement of the general election unavoidably extinguished all the select committees in mid-investigation...

reflects a healthy balance between seasoned committee men and new arrivals with fresh perspectives. The committees have been given a definite fillip by Sir Douglas Wass, the 1983 Reith Lecturer...

Navy cuts

From Mr Patrick Duffy, MP for Sheffield, Attercliffe (Labour)
Sir, Rodney Cowton's report (December 2) of the "Navy's success in postponing the rundown of its fleet of destroyers and frigates" does not alter the underlying downward trend which disquieted most members who spoke from both sides of the House in the Navy debate on November 28...

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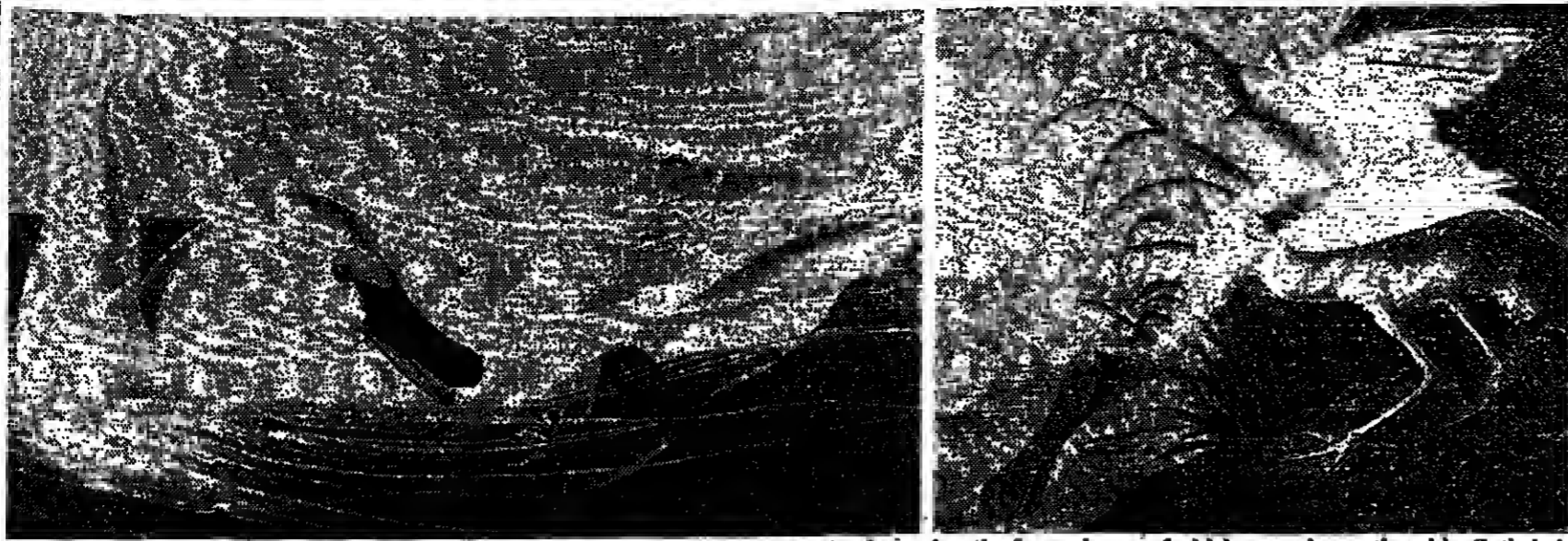
From the Reverend Canon J. G. Grimwade
Sir, I find it surprising that you give only four lines to the statement in today's Times (December 21) that if there were a chance to be anyone else, Mrs Thatcher would choose to be Mother Teresa...

COURT AND SOCIAL

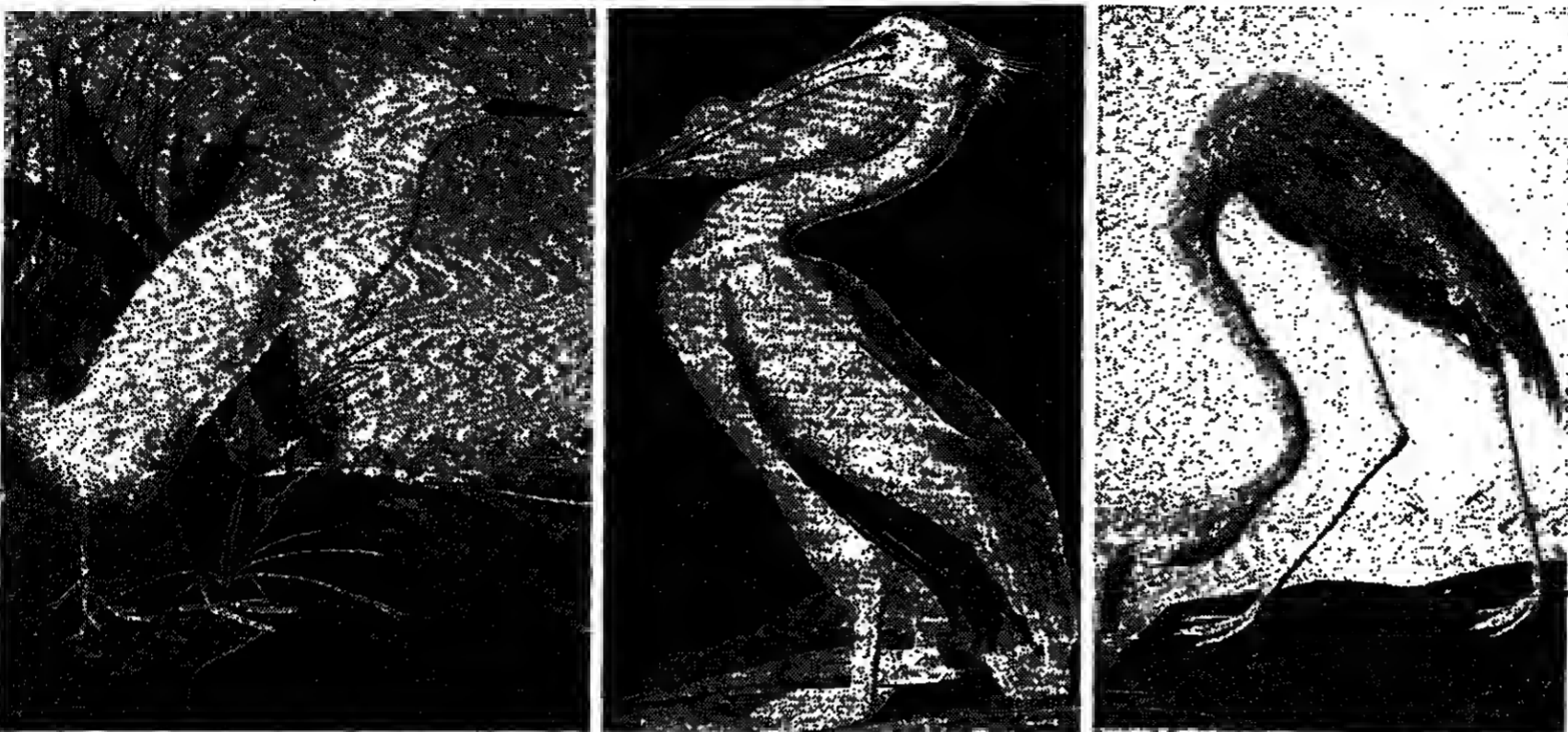
Forthcoming marriages

Dr M. Abbott and Dr J. Weeks. The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Abbott, of Hartford, Cheshire, and Jennifer Hilary, eldest daughter of Mr Robert Weeks, F.R.C.S., and Dr Avril Weeks, of Radyr, South Glamorgan. Mr R. G. Andrews and Miss S. Falkner. The engagement is announced between Raymond Geoffrey, eldest son of Mr Derek Andrews and of Mrs Mary Andrews, 32 Dellwood Avenue, Folkestone, Suffolk, and Sophia, elder child of Mr and Mrs Richard Falkner, 15 Yarell Mansions, Queens Club Gardens, London, W14 9TB.

Audubon's birds set to lay a golden egg



A selection of hand coloured aquatint plates from John James Audubon's Birds of America, the four volumes of which are to be auctioned by Sotheby's on February 1. The books, dated 1827-1838, are likely to fetch more than £1m.



The plates show: (top) trumpeter swan and Roseate spoonbill; (bottom) snowy heron, American white pelican, and American flamingo.

Chess tournament goes ahead without Russians

From Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent. Despite the Soviet Chess Federation's failure to send any players, the fifty-ninth Hastings International Premier Chess Tournament which opens at the White Rock Pavilions today, looks stronger than ever; it includes nine international grandmasters, four international masters, and one FIDE master. Oddly enough, the replacement necessary because of the last-minute Russian default has strengthened the Elo rating of the tournament, so that much fine chess can be expected during the next few weeks. There are two international grandmasters from the United States: Albert and Gurevitch, and an American international master, Kudrin, who has an Elo rating higher than that of most grandmasters.

Cumbrian climbers press on with attempt at Everest

By Ronald Fax. The eight members of the Cumbrian Mount Everest expedition are determined to press ahead with their plans to attempt the West Ridge of the mountain from China next year, without support from the Mount Everest Foundation. As they packed one and a quarter tons of equipment yesterday ready for its transport to Peking, the climbers dismissed fears that they lacked the experience or the lung capacity to succeed. Mr David Kay, of Penrith, said: "We believe there is far more involved in high altitude mountaineering than this one question of lung capacity that the foundation, through Mr Michael Ward, is concentrating on. There is the whole issue of motivation and commitment to succeed that is just as important to climbing the West Ridge of Everest as they are on a Lake District outcrop. The decision whether an attempt has become too dangerous must be left to the individual climber on the mountain, not to a committee sitting in London."

Cash crisis may close animal sanctuary

By Tony Samstag. She admits, however, that financial crisis has been fairly recent since she started the sanctuary, seemingly a natural consequence of family history. Mrs Gillard-Loft has taken a variety of jobs, from nursing to modelling, to help to finance the trust. Zoo to close: The zoo at Cromer, Norfolk, founded 21 years ago by Coco the Clown, is to close. Rising costs and falling attendances have led to the decision, said his daughter, Mrs Olga Kerr, who yesterday issued an urgent appeal for purchasers for her lions, tigers, pumas, sheep and baboons.

University news

Sheffield. Grants. Director of Research Council: £1,277,000 to Professor A. W. W. Walker for studies of the chemical synthesis of polyacetylene... Bristol. Mr D. T. Uphy, reader in the department of political economy, University College London, has been appointed to the chair in economics, in succession to Professor W. H. Butler. Mr A. D. Cbeher, lecturer in economics, Birmingham University, has been appointed to the chair in economics, in succession to Professor A. S. Denton. Dr A. H. Liston, reader in veterinary bacteriology, has been appointed to the chair in bacteriology. Dr G. K. Wilcock, consultant physician, department of geriatric and general medicine, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, has been appointed to the chair in care of the elderly. Dr J. E. Beringer, senior principal scientific officer, Rothamsted Experimental Station, has been appointed to the directorship of the Molecular Genetics Unit. Newcastle. Grants. Director of Research Council: £77,254 to Dr P. J. W. M. Hayes for research into the mechanism of the normal thyroid and in the thyroid gland of the rat... Swansea. Grants. Director of Research Council: £176,459 to Dr J. C. Wainman for study of the physical and chemical properties of the superconductor system in the mammalian central nervous system... Cardiff. Grants. Director of Research Council: £176,459 to Dr J. C. Wainman for study of the physical and chemical properties of the superconductor system in the mammalian central nervous system... Cardiff. Grants. Director of Research Council: £176,459 to Dr J. C. Wainman for study of the physical and chemical properties of the superconductor system in the mammalian central nervous system...

Rubbish tips become a gull's delight

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent. Inland rubbish did not attract gulls until householders were persuaded to put it in dustbins instead of throwing it out of their back doors. Municipal dumps started to attract complaints about gulls more than 50 years ago. The reorganization of local government in the early 1970s led to a rationalization of refuse disposal in which dumping was concentrated on a smaller number of larger sites. The larger the heaps, the more the gulls flew down to feed on them. One of the counties abolished at that time was Middlesex, which included London's Heathrow airport. The ministry scientists concentrated their gull studies on an area to the south and west of the airport. They marked some of the gulls found there and some of those birds were later seen as far away as Switzerland, Finland and Poland. The study showed that a single large council rubbish heap could influence the feeding habits of thousands of gulls. If such a tip was closed, the birds would disappear not only from its site, but also from smaller feedings near

OBITUARY MISS VIOLET CARSON

Grand Old Lady of 'Coronation Street'

Miss Violet Carson, OBE, the actress, pianist and singer and, through her playing of the brusque, cross-grained Ena Sharples in the long-running serial Coronation Street, one of the best-known faces in television, died on December 26 in Blackpool. She was 85. She played the character for over 2,000 performances and was last seen in the part which she made very much her own in February, 1980. She was made OBE in 1965, and was an honorary MA of Manchester University. In 1960 the writer Tony Warren engaged in casting the new serial remembered Miss Carson as a "no nonsense"



actress he had met professionally when he was 12 and asked her to audition for the part of Ena. "Why," said Miss Carson, "She's a back-street bitch" and the legend was born. There are television actors and actresses who seem to disappear almost completely into the roles they play. Violet Carson meant unjustly less to millions of television viewers than the formidable, aggressive Ena Sharples of Coronation Street. The hair tightly screwed into a hairnet or obtrusive curlers, the admirable punctuality with which she responded to the licensing laws, her excoriating tongue, her inability to keep her nose out of other people's business, her readiness to offer advice disguised as flagrant aggression or to offer flagrant verbal aggression without the excuse of advice, these were Miss Carson, the reality. Miss Violet Carson (the "Miss" was obligatory, as it was for Gracie Fields, whenever she was called to appear in independent television's Stars on Sunday to dispense religious words and high intentions) never really challenged the splendid monster that Miss Carson and a number of clever script-writers had created for her to embody. This, of course, was anything but fair to a very talented entertainer-pianist, actress and singer. Violet Carson was born in Manchester, the daughter of a Scottish miller, in a street which might, we are told, stand as a model for the later Coronation Street itself. Her parents were musical and saw to it that she played the piano - her sister took up the violin - to such effect that at the age of 15 she became pianist with the orchestra of a Manchester cinema. Married in 1926, she was widowed two years later and returned to the piano, playing to cinemas and at small concerts and social evenings to earn her living.

HERBERT VAN THAL

Herbert van Thal, man of letters, publisher, editor, anthologist and writer, died on December 23 at the age of 79. Herbert Maurice van Thal was born in London in 1904, and educated at St Paul's School. His whole life was dedicated, in one form or another, to books; and the justest epitaph for him is certainly that he was one of the last keepers of standards in the popular field in which he made his living. He was very well read, especially in Victorian literature. Lunch as his guest at the Reform Club with him was invariably for a fellow author, a treat, old-fashioned courtesy, helpful advice, and good conversation about books. Van Thal had been a literary agent. For some time after the Second World War he managed his own publishing company, Home & Van Thal. In more recent years he was best known as an editor, particularly of the Pan Horror Stories series, in which hundreds of thousands of readers received the benefit of his legendary wide reading and his refusal to select pulp fiction whenever there was better available. He edited the Doughty Library for the publisher Anthony Blond in the 1960s; this reprinted readable Victorian classics, and, in particular, it made Wilkie Collins's novel No Name available to a new generation of readers. That he invited the editor of a similar series under the auspices of a different publisher to lunch in order to band over to him the list of books he would have to talk to about 19th century novels. Such was the man's generosity and love of books. He was also editor of Cassell's First World Library. His own books included The Tops of the Mulberry Trees (1971), Belloc: A Biographical Anthology (1970), London: A Biographical Anthology (1973), and The Music Lover's Companion (1971). Herbert van Thal was married to the former Phyllis Mary Bayley. He was one of the last genuine "bookmen", and as such, and for his geniality, modesty and wide knowledge, he will be sadly missed.

PROF. J. van LOHUIZEN de LEEUW

A correspondent writes: Friends in many countries will be saddened to learn of the sudden death of Professor Johannes (Joan) Engelbert van Lohuizen de Leeuw at the age of 64. He was one of the leading European historians of Indian and Southeast Asian art. Professor van Lohuizen was an indefatigable traveller and worker. Her interests and researches led her to all the countries of South Asia and to many of Southeast Asia. During 1983 she made no less than three short excursions to Gilgit, Ladakh and Indonesia. She took on a tremendous burden of teaching and many undergraduates and research students have reason to be grateful to her. She gave unstinting help and advice to students and colleagues alike. She had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the art history of South and Southeast Asia; her judgment and authority on works of art of all periods were extraordinary. She was well known as a lecturer throughout Europe and from 1954-61 was a visiting lecturer at the Sorbonne. She was born in Amsterdam and studied at the universities of Leiden and Utrecht. After holding posts at Groningen and Utrecht, she was from 1951-59 University Lecturer in Indio-

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THE ARTS

The Arts Council must now renounce the faith of 40 years' work and adopt an altogether different role for the future. Bryan Appleyard investigates the threat - and the promise A time for philosophy, but not for battle

It was a year in which the Arts Council finally decided it had to reach its fortieth birthday in 1985 with a degree of dignity.

Until 1983 the old orthodoxy prevailed: public subsidy of the arts should increase annually, cash should be ready to "respond" to new developments, centres of excellence would spread across the nation while the identity of the fringe was preserved.

What the Left should have understood and the Council now finally seems to have taken on board is that the Government does not want to cut money to the arts.

This began with the consultative programme drawn up at Ilkley and involving all the Council's annual clients. The next phase was the negotiation of the total grant for 1984-85, which was announced last week.

Several things have not yet been spelled out. First the ROE and the RSC will be expected to implement the handful of Priestley recommendations during 1984-85.

because the Council will be holding a larger reserve than usual - perhaps £1m as opposed to £250,000. And this is where the grand strategy comes into effect.

result of Government moves to draw local authorities into funding those companies left out of the "national importance" list in the plans to disband the top tier councils.

Galleries in Los Angeles Collectors in exciting context

There has been talk of the need for a museum of modern art in Los Angeles for almost as long as there has been in the need for a definitive Hollywood museum.



German Expressionist eye-opener: Youth Rising from the Dead by Milly Steger

The Temporary Contemporary has been surrounded by a haze of publicity which leaves the locals eager to visit and desperately vague about exactly where it is.

home, it should be guaranteed knowledgeable and enthusiastic support from 1986 on.

Anthony Masters discovers just how much theatrical London is missing Critical need for the enjoyable sense of occasion

No slight to London, but the best single thing about progressing from theatre addict to theatre critic is the discovery, at first hand, of the dramatic pleasures outside the capital which you always knew were there.



Jonathan Hackett and Sally Cookson (left) in the Royal Exchange's Wild Duck, more successfully cast and satisfying as a whole than anything London could manage; and Anna Keaveney and Miles Anderson in Bristol Old Vic's Love for Love, a major play unperformed in London for almost 20 years

Only one of those "major events" has so far come to London. The West End's increased reliance on imports from out of town is obvious enough.

The classics, for example, Alan Bredel in Sartre's comedy, Keen, a decade ago, was rightly judged a good commercial bet for Shaftesbury Avenue.

than either the National or the Lyric, Hammersmith, could manage with the same play.

London will know his audience as intimately, sometimes as ruefully, as his own family and his eye will be firmly fixed on it.

Thames's musical version of Kenneth Grahame's *Willow* in the *Willows*, adapted by Rosemary Anne Sisson and imaginatively animated by Cosgrove Hall Productions, proved once again last night that magic can be safely sought in the classics.

It was a pity, Christmas schedules being not all that fertile, that it overlapped another excellent animation on Channel 4 of George Eliot's *Silas Marner*.

after *The Comedy of Errors*, it invited comparison and fell further by it. The two gentlemen, John Hudson as Valentine and Tyler Butterworth as Proteus, had much earnestness, which gleamed rather obtrusively from the off-popped eyes of the former.

It is Ugly Bug Ball Night at Mappin's (anything to amuse the happy campers); nevertheless, made-it ballroom dancing champions Barry and Yvonne Stuart-Hargreaves.

mention Bert Swanley and the Debonaires, bouncing through 1959 hits, bring holiday-camp showtime at Crimpton-on-Sea to life too horribly to allow any but the briefest glimpses of backstage intrigue.

Piper is perhaps best known for his romantic landscape painting, but his work in stained glass, ceramics, fabrics and theatre design, now shown together for the first time, fully demonstrates his versatility.

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CAT A STAR IS BORN. THE LEOPARD. ZELIG. GATEWAY.

Hi-de-Hi! Victoria Palace. It is Ugly Bug Ball Night at Mappin's.

John Piper 30 November-22 January. Piper is perhaps best known for his romantic landscape painting.

Royal Ballet Christmas Season 28 December-14 January. Sadler's Wells Theatre. The Taming of the Shrew.

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Stock Exchange Prices Capitalization and week's change

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THE WEEK AHEAD

US banks may write off some foreign loans

New York (NYT) - The Federal Reserve Board has proposed that American banks be required to write off portions of loans to countries that are in serious financial trouble. Similar proposals are being issued by the other federal bank regulators.

But Mr James McDermott, chief analyst for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, which specializes in bank stocks, said that for this quarter, "we don't look for any material earnings consequences for banks as a whole if the proposals are adopted."

But some analysts said the regulators' new thrust might encourage banks to write off troubled international loans more quickly than they have in the past, which could reduce near-term earnings.

A big concern of many bankers, however, was that for the first time the regulators are making broad-based credit decisions. Until now, bank regulators scrupulously sought to avoid being placed in that position, although their examiners at times disagreed over the quality of particular credits.

The Fed said it does not account for them uniformly. The Federal Reserve also stressed that an important reason behind the proposals was to create a uniform system of accounting. Mr McCouch argued, however, that the regulators were unjustified in treating country credits more rigorously than domestic loans.

SEC approves interest device

Washington (NYT) - The Securities and Exchange Commission has unanimously approved an accounting device to let companies dress up their financial condition and show higher earnings by wiping long-term debt off their balance sheets.

The device, called in-substance corporate defeasance, allows companies to buy government securities to reduce their balance sheet debt by an equal amount. Analysts said the technique would appeal primarily to companies with cash to spare and a lot of low-interest debt on their books.

Last month, the FASB approved the technique. Under the method, a company seeking to reduce the debt on its balance sheet uses available cash to buy Treasury or government-guaranteed securities. These are then placed in a trust account, and pledged to pay the interest and principal of the debt as it comes due.

The difference between the book value of the debt removed from the balance sheet, and the cost of the securities placed in the trust, equals the likely gain that flows into the company's income statement.

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INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK • USM REVIEW

Bumper trade with light casualties

Mr. General would... Mr. General would... Mr. General would...

unfounded, although the real test will come when the Stock Exchange becomes embroiled in a raging bear market.

purpose to attract small companies and develop them as the first step to a full quote.

percent the situation is likely to continue. Top's nearest rival is metal bopper Parkfield Foundries.

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Fed's freeze stays despite slow growth

Uncertainty about the course of the United States economy next year has not been resolved by the publication of the fourth quarter national income statistics, which showed a marked slowdown in the rate of growth of the economy.

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This estimate gave much comfort to the monetarist economists who have been predicting a freeze on banks' reserves - in operation since April - would stifle the recovery.

It was quickly pointed out by supporters of the Fed's policies that much of the deceleration in fourth quarter economic growth was due to the yawning gap in the United States' overseas trade balance, reflected in a very low figure for net exports in the GNP estimates.

What seems clear is that the Federal Reserve officials were entirely unmoved by the announcement, despite another public plea from the United States Treasury - this from the Secretary of the Treasury Mr. Donald Regan - for a more relaxed Federal Reserve policy.

Last Friday the Federal Reserve reported that money M1 fell \$2 billion to \$520.7 billion, a level merely 1.2 per cent greater than in the week of June 14, six months previously.

There is no indication whatever from the Federal Reserve that such a policy change is in the works.

December 14 fell to \$54 billion, the same level as in the second week of April. Thus, the Fed's restrictive policy is very much in place.

The financial markets have been less than delighted by the prolonged operation of this policy. Bond futures bid fair to end the year at a level represented by about 70 for the March 1984 T-bond contract.

This contract peaked in 1983 at 78 in early May. Similarly, the S and P futures have been very weak.

When the issue of the future course of Federal Reserve policy is raised with Wall Street analysts, the view is almost invariably expressed that President Reagan will no doubt soon take the opportunity to tell Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, that the central bank must ensure that monetary conditions do not halt the economy's forward progress to a point where the Republican Party's reelection chances are jeopardized.

President Reagan did appoint Mr Preston Martin to the position of Vice-Chairman of the Fed. However, Mr Martin has proved to be a supporter of traditional Federal Reserve policies.

Even recognizing these errors in the President's handling of the central bank, most Wall Street analysts cling to the belief that there will be a switch in Fed policy soon and that this will bring about a sharp reduction of US interest rates, a sharp drop in the dollar and a rally in the financial markets.

There is no indication whatever from the Federal Reserve that such a policy change is in the works.

Maxwell Newton

USM LEADERS FOR 1983

Table listing USM leaders for 1983 with columns: Mid Cap, Latest Price, % Change, etc.

USM LAGGARDS FOR 1983

Table listing USM laggards for 1983 with columns: Mid Cap, Latest Price, % Change, etc.

Budget forecast assumes 4.5% growth in US

Washington (NYT) - President Reagan's next budget, for the 1985 fiscal year, will assume a strong 4.5 per cent growth of the economy next year, slightly higher inflation and slightly lower interest rates, the administration said.

Unspecified, but implied in the figures, are sharp reductions in projected federal budget deficits, which is now running at about \$200 billion, \$140 billion a year. Analysts said the figures assumed large tax increases in 1985 or 1986, which President Reagan has been resisting, and new reductions in government spending, which many in Congress oppose.

Mr Martin Friedman, chairman of the President's council of economic advisers described the forecast as prudent and in line with history. But he said the calculations were conditional upon an end to the fiscal stalemate.

White House economic forecasts are frequently upset by Congress and by unexpected turns in the economy, but they are useful guides to an administration's budget and objectives.

The new forecast includes assumptions until 1989. It assumes the economy will grow by 4.5 per cent from the fourth quarter of this year to the fourth quarter of 1984, and by 4 per cent a year thereafter until 1988.

The unemployment rate which was 8.2 per cent last month, would average 7.3 per cent next year, ending the year at 7.7 per cent, and dropping steadily thereafter, to 5.7 per cent in 1989.

The figures show an inflation rate based on the price deflator in the gross national product, of 5 per cent from the fourth quarter of this year to the fourth quarter next year. It would then fall slowly to 3.5 per cent by the end of 1989. In the present quarter, the GNP deflator which takes into account changes in patterns of consumption, is expected to be 4 per cent.

Interest rates, according to Mr Friedman, would decline over the period, as the inflation rate, resulting in a reduction of the real interest rate, or the difference between the deflator and nominal interest rates.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the Holders of

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7 1/2% Guaranteed External Loan Bonds, Due February 1, 1987

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4(c) of the Fiscal Agency Agreement dated as of February 1, 1972 between Norges Kommunalbank and The Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association), as Fiscal Agent, \$1,380,000 aggregate principal amount of the above-captioned Bonds (the "Bonds") will be redeemed on the date hereinafter specified, to-wit: 1984 (the "Redemption Date") at the Redemption Price of 100% of the principal amount thereof (the "Redemption Price").

The serial numbers of the Bonds to be redeemed are as follows:

Table listing serial numbers of bonds to be redeemed, with columns: Serial Number, etc.

On the Redemption Date there will be one and due and payable upon each Bond to be redeemed the Redemption Price in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment a legal tender for the payment of public and private debts therein. Interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the Redemption Date.

Payment of the Redemption Price of each Bond to be redeemed will be made upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds, together with the interest coupons appertaining thereto maturing subsequent to the Redemption Date, at any of the following paying agencies:

- List of paying agencies including The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., and other financial institutions.

By The Chase Manhattan Bank, (National Association) Fiscal Agent

Dated December 28, 1983

US bank paid £330m from Iran

Washington (AP-Dow Jones) - The Bank of America has received \$472m (about £331m) to settle Iranian claims against it. This was primarily for interest blocked on Iranian accounts after the takeover of the United States embassy in Tehran in November, 1979.

This means the net gain to Bank of America which is based in San Francisco and is the largest United States commercial bank by deposits was about \$182.9m.

Mr Ray Toman, a Bank of America spokesman, said the settlement "frees us of the time, the thought and, to a certain extent, the legal expense that has gone into the protracted negotiations on this long-standing matter."

Swiss bankers expect recovery in gold price

Zurich (Reuters) - Gold has been a bad investment for the past three years, but Swiss bankers forecast a gradual recovery in its price, in the second half of next year.

Gold surged to a peak of more than \$850 per ounce in a few weeks of 1980, bringing fortunes overnight to speculators and reinforcing a long-standing belief that you cannot lose money with gold.

But few investments have fared worse since. Not only does gold earn no interest or dividends, but those who bought it in the 1980 period have seen the value of their holdings more than halved.

In London gold is about \$379.50 an ounce - a price little changed, while the dollar's value has soared.

FIXED-INTEREST STOCKS

Table listing fixed-interest stocks with columns: Stock, Price, Change, etc.

Promotion at Rothmans

Rothmans International: Mr Leslie Sarl will retire as company secretary on Saturday. He will be succeeded by Mr Jeremy Campbell who joined Rothmans in 1981 as assistant secretary.

J Bibby & Sons: Mr Leslie Young is to relinquish his position as chief executive on July 1, but will continue as chairman. Mr Peter Wood, managing director of the agricultural group, will succeed Mr Young as chief executive.

The Wine Development Board: Mr John Mostyn, a director of Harveys of Bristol and chairman of Cockburn Smithers, has become a director. He is also president of the Wine and Spirit Association.

Offshore and International Funds

Table listing offshore and international funds with columns: Fund Name, Price, Change, etc.

مكتبة الامارات

All four tree-toppers waver as England's festival of football attracts 1m of the faithful over two days

Bonnie Prince Charming adds a fairy-tale footnote to the old year

Christmas is no bad time for the belief that everything comes to him who waits... Bonnie Prince Charming adds a fairy-tale footnote to the old year...

Referee throws book at the wall... Nine Nottingham players were booked yesterday by the Wirral referee, Derek Owen...

Manchester City are enjoying the week rather more than their neighbours... Manchester City are enjoying the week rather more than their neighbours...



Five minds, one thought: from left, Hill, Devonshire, Brooking, Stein and Horton. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Afternoon of crackle and crunch

By Stuart Jones... The music accompanying these two sides, who are accustomed to attacking with a flowing flourish...

opponent malicious intent. Yet even the ball suffered from the fierce treatment and had to be replaced... opponent malicious intent. Yet even the ball suffered from the fierce treatment...

header. Their only other direct attempt came from a deflected Brooking centre... header. Their only other direct attempt came from a deflected Brooking centre...

Two of the Leuloui tries were great individual efforts... Two of the Leuloui tries were great individual efforts...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leuloui lays a boulevard ghost

By Keith Macklin... The ghosts of Featherstone past were thoroughly exorcised from the Boulevard by a crowd of 11,000 at Hull yesterday...

Rovers rarely competed with the fire and spirit that brought them their unexpected Challenge Cup win over Hull... Rovers rarely competed with the fire and spirit that brought them their unexpected Challenge Cup win...

Warrington remain handily tucked in just below the top four... Warrington remain handily tucked in just below the top four...

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Challengers lose out on points

By Hugh Taylor... Celtic and Dundee United... Celtic and Dundee United...

HOCKEY

Yorkshire tumble

By Joyce Whitehead... Yorkshire, the leaders, suffered a setback, losing 1-0 yesterday to Cheshire...

TENNIS

Dubious gift for Miss Went

Kate Brasher, the No 1 seed, won 6-0, 6-0 against Julie Went, of Avon, on the first day of the Sussex Christmas tournament...

FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY... NATIONAL LEAGUE... BASKETBALL... NATIONAL LEAGUE... TENNIS... CYCLO-CROSS... SPEED SKATING... RUGBY UNION... SNOW REPORTS...

Dixon fails to copy the old master

By Nicholas Harling... Chelsea... Portsmouth... Chelsea... Portsmouth...

The most remarkable aspect of yesterday morning's game at Stamford Bridge was that only four goals were scored... The most remarkable aspect of yesterday morning's game at Stamford Bridge was that only four goals were scored...



Dixon: bending over backwards for Chelsea

Four more minutes and Portsmouth were ahead again... Four more minutes and Portsmouth were ahead again...

beat Knight at the second attempt... beat Knight at the second attempt...

Bad match for Botham

Ian Botham was booked by the referee, Gilbert Napthine, of Loughborough, for a late tackle on Steve Elliott, of Preston North End...

Preston's second goal, scored by Elliott, was due to a mistake by Botham... Preston's second goal, scored by Elliott, was due to a mistake by Botham...

Brazil's samba of angst

By Denis Shaw... Aston Villa... Tottenham Hotspur... Brazil's samba of angst...

Two-and-a-half hours is, indeed, a long time to be in a football stadium... Two-and-a-half hours is, indeed, a long time to be in a football stadium...

Woods keeps Norwich record intact

By Gerry Harrison... Norwich City... Ipswich Town... Woods keeps Norwich record intact...

Strangely that recent form and fortune should mean so little... Strangely that recent form and fortune should mean so little...

Head of the River?

Buzzco Area (AFP) - The historic river club, River Plate, have intensified their search for a new manager after their worst season in the first division...

Snow reports

GERMANY... Garmisch - 10 P, 0 N, 0 S... Garmisch - 10 P, 0 N, 0 S...

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS, SCORERS AND TABLES

Table with columns: Division, Team, Score, Goalscorers. Lists results for First, Second, and Third divisions.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table with columns: Division, Team, Opponent, Time. Lists fixtures for First, Second, and Third divisions.

Scottish first division

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CRICKET: ONE CAPTAIN MARCHES ON WHILE ANOTHER COMES TO AN UN CEREMONIOUS HALT

Imran dour as a Boycott and fierce as a Richards

From Ian Brayshaw, Melbourne

Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, at long last given doctor's permission to take part in the series, wasted no time in putting his stamp on proceedings on the second day of the fourth Test match against Australia here yesterday.

innings on a wicket reputedly bad for batting late in a Test. Much to the joy of Imran's camp, Azeem, the young fast bowler, grabbed two Australian wickets before stumps.

Three partnerships involving Imran set the standard. With the dashing Salim (they put on 27) and an equally enterprising Sarfaraz (with whom he added 28), Imran was prepared to take a supportive role.

W Indies walk off in bottle protest

Madras (Agency) - The West Indies captain, Clive Lloyd, ordered his team off the field after a spectator threw a bottle which hit him in the chest.



Lloyd: order to team. He was brought on from the other end. Holding greeted him with successive sizes over long-on and midwicket and hit a four in the same over.

Barbarians match could put Cardus back in reckoning

The England selectors will gather at Leicester this evening to dot the i's and cross the t's on the two trial teams to play at Twickenham on January 7.



Cardus: burly threat. useful things happening alicor the players have thought about it for a while," Greenwood said.



Imran did not once waver at the crease

Sri Lankan rebels appeal

Colombo (Reuters) - The Sri Lankan team which defied a government ban by touring South Africa last year has appealed to the government to lift a 25-year ban on the players.

At that stage Australia were a little unsteady on their feet at 70 for two. Hughes had a shaky time with Yallop before seeing his team through to stumps at 88 for two.

Qadir dug deep to find extra reserves of conviction while displaying fine defensive techniques and occasional strokes of genius in crashing the ball away through the off side.

India, having taken the last three West Indies wickets for 11 after lunch, made a last start to their innings. Marshall, sent back to the crease, stood the innings out.

WEST INDIES: First innings. G G Greenidge, c Davidson b Shroff, 54. G G Greenidge, c Davidson b Shroff, 54.

Both have plentiful experience and have won the respect of their colleagues over the past four seasons, which should help them overcome the obvious difficulty of knowing that the role will revert to Wheeler when he is fit.

Swansea were back in top gear yesterday. On a gloomy, drizzling afternoon there were shades of that shimmering talent to show that all is not lost for them this year.

MOTOR RACING

Piquet at the centre of fuel protest

Maranello, Italy (AP) - The Ferrari team have filed a formal protest to the International Auto Federation (FISA) about "illegal" fuel used by Nelson Piquet in some recent prize races of the 1983 world Formula One championship.

The iron nerve of two young Europeans

Ballesteros raises the US Tour to a pitch of excitement

Paris (AFP) - Tom Watson, of the United States, the perennial champion of the man who can keep his head while all around him are losing theirs, won his fifth Open Championship in nine years in 1983.

New frontier

Year of the underdog

With Nelson winning the US Open, and Hal Sutton the USPGA title, it is the year of the underdog, particularly for Sutton, aged 25, in only his second year on the tour.

Birkenhead Park

Waterloo

The dominant Meezy sound yesterday was the howling of the gale at Upper Park, where Birkenhead Park entertained their near neighbours, Waterloo to lose a spirited and enjoyable contest by single penalty to a goal, three tries and a penalty.

Waterloo push Park clean off the rails

Flutters of optimism

Flutters of optimism were again experienced by the home supporters when the stand-off half, Ferguson, jinked to within a couple of yards of the Waterloo line.

Cool temperament

It was then that Watson's cool temperament came into its own, and he edged into the lead with a birdie from 15ft on the 16th and safely negotiated the last two holes with par figures for a slender one-stroke victory over two other Americans, Andy Bean and Hale Irwin.

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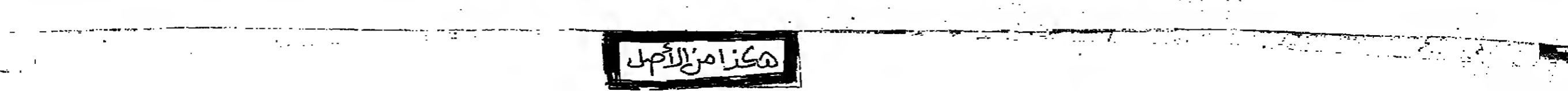
When Ballesteros won the Sun City Million Dollar Classic in early December, his tournament record, four-round total of 274, gave him a comfortable five-stroke victory over David Graham, of Australia, Faldo and Zoller, and with it a prize of \$300,000.

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RACING: SECOND SUCCESSIVE WELSH GRAND NATIONAL TRIUMPH FOR JENNY PITMAN

Francome and Burrough Hill Lad complete Welsh coup

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Jenny Pitman continued her triumphant march at Chepstow yesterday when she trained the winner of the Coral Welsh National for the second year in succession...

Despite all this she was still able to train Burrough Hill Lad out of a picture of health and fitness at the paddock before yesterday's race...

The last time Francome rode at Chepstow he incurred the displeasure of the stewards for hitting a horse too hard and too often with his whip...



Happy habit: Jenny Pitman repeats her smile of 12 months ago after Burrough Hill Lad's Chepstow success.

Mossmorran lands a gamble

By Michael Seely

The extraordinary rise-to-riches saga of Mossmorran continued at Wetherby yesterday. Michael Dickinson, the champion trainer, celebrated his triumphant return from Kempton by paying a visit to his local course...

Ridden by Graham Bradley, the 100-30 favourite forged clear of his 16 rivals halfway up the straight to beat Chetel by five lengths...

Karenmore, is better known in his role as an advisor of bloodstock to Sheikh Mohammed. He scored with the purchase, not only of Shalick Dancer, but also of the record £10.2m Northern Dancer yearling colt at Keeneland last July...

At Newcastle this afternoon Warden and Easterby can strike another blow by winning the first division of the Partridge Novices' Hurdle with Jobroke, a 15,000 guinea Newmarket sales purchase...

The Tsarevich earns right to lose squiggle

By John Karter

For a horse who has won 10 races and who brought his best career to over £24,000 with a victory in yesterday's Ladbroke Handicap...

Nicky Henderson, the seven-year-old trainer, thinks it is about time people forgot that particular incident and it is difficult to disagree with him...

Further evidence that this year's crop of Irish novices is the best for some years came at Leopardstown yesterday when Harvestown won the only race in the field...

Harvestown underlines Irish novice strength

From Our Irish Correspondent

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Australia expect Cash to deliver

McNamee (Reuter)

Paul McNamee, in what he called a surprise move, has accepted Mark Edmondson, overpowered Anders Jarryd and Hans Simonsson...

John Fitzgerald, who beat Nystrom yesterday, and Mats Winder, Cash's conqueror on the first day, will meet in the final match of the...

Edmondson, provided sound support throughout and his powerful first serve was a key to his success. The Swedish pair, Simonsson and Nystrom, had trouble handling Edmondson's first serve all day...

YACHTING Leap-frog with the Panda

From John Robertson, Sydney

Throughout Monday night and Tuesday the British team in the Southern Cross Cup, sponsored by Hitachi, have played leap-frog with the New South Wales team...

Results from four meetings

Table with 2 columns: Meeting Name (Chepstow, Wetherby, Newcastle, Warwick) and Race Details (Race Name, Runners, Winner, Odds, etc.).

Warwick selections

Table listing race selections for Warwick, including race numbers, names of horses, and trainers.

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